

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are now pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request that the "Amendments to the Claims" in the Amendment dated October 23, 2006 be replaced with the enclosed "Replacement Amendments to the Claims." Please note that the proper status identifiers have been used.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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